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Letter dated 17 September 1999 from the President of the General Assembly to the Chairman of the First Committee

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the decisions taken by the General Assembly at the 3rd plenary meeting of its fifty-fourth session pertaining to the allocation of items to the First Committee.

I wish to draw your attention to the recommendations on the organization of the session contained in section II of the report of the General Committee (A/54/250). Those recommendations were approved by the General Assembly, also at its 3rd plenary meeting.

May I also draw your attention to paragraph 47 and to the relevant part of paragraph 57 of the report concerning the agenda of the Main Committees.

I earnestly request your cooperation in these matters.

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Annex

Allocation of items to the First Committee

1. Reduction of military budgets (item 64):
   (a) Reduction of military budgets;
   (b) Objective information on military matters, including transparency of military expenditures.
2. Prohibition of the development and manufacture of new types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons: report of the Conference on Disarmament (item 65).
3. Question of Antarctica (item 66).
4. Compliance with arms limitation and disarmament and non-proliferation agreements (item 67).
5. Verification in all its aspects, including the role of the United Nations in the field of verification (item 68).
6. Implementation of the Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace (item 69).
7. African Nuclear-Weapon-Free-Zone Treaty (item 70).
8. Developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security (item 71).
9. Role of science and technology in the context of international security and disarmament (item 72).
10. Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East (item 73).
11. Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons (item 74).
12. Prevention of an arms race in outer space (item 75).
13. General and complete disarmament (item 76):

    [The General Assembly decided that the relevant paragraphs of the annual report of the International Atomic Energy Agency (A/54/215), which is to be considered directly in plenary meeting under item 14, should be drawn to the attention of the First Committee in connection with its consideration of item 76.]

    (a) Notification of nuclear tests;
    (b) Transparency in armaments;
    (c) Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in Central Asia;
    (d) Assistance to States for curbing the illicit traffic in small arms and collecting them;
    (e) Prohibition of the dumping of radioactive wastes;
    (f) Small arms;
    (g) Reducing nuclear danger;
    (h) Observance of environmental norms in the drafting and implementation of agreements on disarmament and arms control;

(i) Relationship between disarmament and development;

(j) Consolidation of peace through practical disarmament measures;

(k) Regional disarmament;

(l) Conventional arms control at the regional and subregional levels;

(m) Nuclear-weapon-free southern hemisphere and adjacent areas;

(n) Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction;

(o) Illicit traffic in small arms;

(p) Follow-up to the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the *Legality of the Threat or Use of Nuclear Weapons*;

(q) Nuclear disarmament;

(r) Towards a nuclear-weapon-free world: the need for a new agenda;

(s) Convening of the fourth special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament.

14. Review and implementation of the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly (item 77):

(a) Regional confidence-building measures: activities of the United Nations Standing Advisory Committee on Security Questions in Central Africa;

(b) United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific;

(c) United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa;

(d) Convention on the Prohibition of the Use of Nuclear Weapons;

(e) United Nations regional centres for peace and disarmament.

15. Review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special session (item 78):

(a) Report of the Disarmament Commission;

(b) Report of the Conference on Disarmament;

(c) Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters;

(d) United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research.

16. The risk of nuclear proliferation in the Middle East (item 79).

17. Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects (item 80).

18. Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region (item 81).

19. Consolidation of the regime established by the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (Treaty of Tlatelolco) (item 82).

20. Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction (item 83).

21. Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security (item 84).

22. Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (item 85).